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1. Kagran. Two deep drillings at Kagran produced a negative result. A horizon was reached where oil traces were mixed with water. The percentage of oil, however, was only about 5 percent, making production impossible. A gas horizon was reached, but the well is not yet being used for gas production. The drilling of these wells was impeded by several layers of hard rock which damaged and sometimes broke the drilling tools.

2. Aderklaa. It has been alleged that oil was discovered in the vicinity of Hirschbetteiten Kzaling (Schlaflerhof) near Gross Enzerdorf. These wells were supposed to have been turned over to the Aderklaa oilfields administration.

3. Klein Neusiedl. Four drill rigs were working in this area until the fall of 1952. But, as the deep drillings produced only negative results despite a depth of more than 5,000 feet, two deep drill rigs were dispatched to Muehlberg for the purpose of production drilling, and one drill rig to Parndorf to be used for geological test drilling.

4. An order for the drilling office and warehouse at Klein Neusiedl to be moved back to the Bohrbetrieb II headquarters at Aderklaa was rescinded on about 15 March 1953. A second drill was sent to Klein Neusiedl to continue efforts to find oil in that area.

5. Parndorf. The geological test drilling at Parndorf has so far produced only negative results. At present two drill rigs are working in the area. It has been reported that the drillings, which have reached 9,000 feet, have encountered great difficulty due to faults in the rock strata which have caused frequent fractures to drill tools as well as deviations in the drilled hole from the vertical line necessitating the drilling equipment to be dismantled and a so-called "hipstocke" to be built in. Although oil traces were found at various depths, not enough was found for production. Gas horizons were also discovered.

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